

GERMAN TRAP FOR RUSSIANS FAILS

Slavs Retreat to New Lines. Rear Guard Vigorously Confronts Pursuit.

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No Grave Menace. All official dispatches to the Petrograd war office agree that the situation around Riga constitutes no grave menace to the Russian armies. In the region of the Dvina, German cavalry under General von Lauenstein is in constant clash with the Russian infantry, but the Germans have been unable to make any decided gains in the last twenty-four hours.

"The enemy made several fruitless attacks against our positions at Kovno," said the official statement. "At daybreak yesterday, the Germans by gas attack made gains in the direction of the Kourouf and Kotak, on the right bank of the Wierpa river and north of Senchni, obstinate fighting continues, with the result in doubt."

Two Russian Armies Trapped Between Bug And Vistula Rivers

BERLIN, Aug. 8.—Two Russian armies, numbering more than 100,000 men, are two-thirds surrounded in the angle formed by the Bug and the Vistula rivers. German forces are hammering in from north and south of Warsaw in a determined effort to close the trap.

Dispatches from Berlin reported that General Heintz, commanding the right wing of Gen. von Gallwitz's forces, has reached the Bug near its confluence with the Narew and has begun an attempt to cross the river to attack the Russian flank. His attacks were preceded by heavy bombardment of the Russian positions for several miles along the river front.

Southeast of Warsaw, the Germans who crossed the Vistula a week ago, are smashing their way through hastily constructed Russian trenches toward the Warsaw-Siedce railway. Their advance, Berlin asserts, not only menaces the Russian forces that retreated from Warsaw, but also threatens to pierce the Russian lines between Praga and the region north of Ivangorod.

Berlin military critics predict that the Russians without twenty days will evacuate the whole district of the Bug-Vistula angle to save their armies from capture. Part of the Slavic force in Praga that bombarded Warsaw already has begun a retreat.

The latest German dispatches do not confirm unofficial advice declaring the Germans are about to enter Riga and Kovno. The official bulletin from Berlin reports that progress was being made toward the west front of Kovno, and that 300 prisoners had been taken, but contained no mention of the Riga operations.

The military critics explain that the destruction of the Vistula bridges had impeded the pursuit of the Warsaw garrison and expressed the opinion that the Warsaw district will result in greater captures.

In the long battle line, the Russians are attempting a serious stand only in a small sector north of Ivangorod. On both the northern and southern sides of the Warsaw salient, the Slavs are fighting desperately but steadily giving ground, their only hope of escape being only to hold back the Germans until the armies in the Warsaw salient can escape.

Russia May Purchase 13,000,000 Shells Here

CLEVELAND, Aug. 18.—The Russian Government is reported to be placing contracts for nearly a quarter of a billion dollars' worth of war munitions in the United States. Of that sum approximately \$10,000,000 probably will pour into the coffers of Cleveland factories.

Henry C. Osborn, president of the American Multi-graph Company, outlined the extensive ratifications of the huge order for shrapnel shells placed by the Russians in New York ten days ago.

"Contracts were let for the purchase of 13,000,000 shells," Mr. Osborn said. The deal revealed the fact that Morgan & Co. were acting not only as operating agents for the British War Office, but also for the Russians. Virtually the vast quantity of shells was ordered in one contract split up among a number of companies. A complete shell will cost \$18, making a total cost of \$234,000,000.

The Russian commission is expected to arrive in New York within a week.

Nine Vessels Sunk by German Submarines

LONDON, Aug. 8.—The British traveler Ocean Queen has been sunk by a submarine. The crew was landed. The Ocean Queen displaced 185 tons, and was owned by an Aberdeen fishing firm. Six other English fishing boats and two neutral vessels have fallen victims to German submarines within the last ten hours.

The neutral ships, the Danish schooner Hansemel and the Norwegian steamer Vendus, were set on fire in the North Sea last night.

The crews of the fishing boats were rescued and landed a few hours after the attacks were sunk. The crew of the Hansemel was put aboard the Danish ship Tyr, bound for Denmark.

The fate of the Vendus crew is unknown. That ship was passed by the Swedish steamer Osterland, but no small boats or signs of life were seen.

Constantinople in Fear Of Bulgarian Menace

Feverish Activity Manifested in Constructing New Forts and Railway for Defense in Rear—Mohamedans Ready for Last Stand on Bosphorus.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 27 (by courier to Dedeagatch, and by cable to New York).—With full realization that the present Balkan negotiations threaten their last grip on Europe, the Turks are making feverish preparations to defend themselves from attack in the rear.

The fortifications of the Adrianople-Lule Burgas-Chateaux line, depended upon to hold back a Bulgarian invasion, are being hastily strengthened, despite repeated assurances from Sofia that Bulgaria will remain neutral in the attack on the Ottoman capital.

North Constantinople, the region about the Bosphorus and the Black Sea, has been closed to foreigners. The Turkish forts there are being rebuilt to check the Russians should they transport troops in landing troops to co-operate with the Bulgarians in an attack on the Ottoman capital.

Building Railway. No secret is made of the fact that the fortifications at Adrianople and Chateaux were denuded of their heavy artillery for a more effective resistance at the Dardanelles. Railways are now being built over which these guns may be hurriedly returned from Gallipoli peninsula should Bulgaria invade Turkish soil.

At Adrianople there is intense activity in every direction. German officers are everywhere supervising the movements of gangs of workmen recruited mostly from the reserve forces of the army.

The determination of the Young Turks to use only Mussulman soldiers in the fighting ranks, left at the disposal of the government about 100 Christian soldiers, for the necessary work of the army. Practically this entire force is now at work rebuilding the old forts.

For Last Stand. If Anglo-French diplomacy succeeds in bringing Bulgaria into the war and the Turks are rolled back to their last lines of defense around Constantinople, the world will see a magnificent last stand on the European shore of the Bosphorus.

Anglo-French seldom admit the possibility of such a defeat for their allies, but it is the firm conviction of the foreign population here that they would prefer to die to the last rather than relinquish their grip on Europe.

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LONDON, Aug. 9.—One of the first witnesses who will ask for a hearing before Premier Asquith's new committee to inquire into the possibility of effecting economies in the management of the British government's affairs is Sir A. B. Markham, member of parliament for Nottinghamshire.

For several years, both in and out of the house of commons, he has advocated the necessity of a thorough audit of the expenditure of every branch of government activity. Here is what he will tell the committee, as outlined in an interview:

"There is a fearful waste going on in almost every department of the government, but most of all, I think, in the department of the army. It is primarily due to the system of leaving our great war organization in the hands of half-pay gentlemen who are encouraged to waste money. They are snubbed by their older superiors whenever they suggest a new business proposition, and all their initiatives are killed."

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EVERETT, Wash., Aug. 8.—Everett's bold highwaywoman was felled in her fifth hold-up when she attempted to rob a grocery store and was routed by a fusillade of pickles, glass jars, and other missiles, hurled by the five occupants of the place.

Dressed as a man, with a white handkerchief down her face and a brown cap pulled over her head, wavy hair, which showed along the edges, she entered the place just as Clarence T. Wheeler was counting up the day's receipts. His son, Frank, aged twelve, was standing near the pickle barrel. Reaching into it, he had hurled a large pickle at the robber. She dodged and Wheeler threw a heavy cash register key at her. She again dodged, pointed her revolver at the floor, fired once and fled amid a storm of other missiles.

Chicken Thrice a Week, Says "Help Wanted" Sign

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Aug. 8.—The fronts of employment offices in the bridge square districts are covered with posters with lettering a foot high requesting men for the harvest fields. In many cases the posters offer the men free fare to the destinations.

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J. J. Keppler, vice president of the association, admitted the situation had reached a stage where a strike might be necessary to bring in line employers who so far have refused to follow the example of the Bridgeport shops and plants in granting the union demands for an eight-hour day and a 15 per cent wage increase. Nearly 200,000 employees have benefited by the recent activities of the association, he said.

Keppler predicted that 2,000,000 would benefit before the campaign was ended. The Schrader plant, Brooklyn, was said to have promised an eight-hour day and a graduated increase in wages. The

union men took no further steps in their attempt to get such concessions from J. H. Williams & Co., Brooklyn. A committee of machinists was said to have visited most of the big Brooklyn plants to learn their attitude toward the association's demands.

The stand taken by the National Metal Trades Association in refusing to consider seriously any of the machinists' demands is believed to be the reason for the talk of a general strike. One of the Metal Trades' plants, the Jarvin Machine Company, Springfield, Vt., shut down last Monday, when 650 machinists walked out.

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